

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the careful and favorable examination of the present application by the Examiner in which claims 19 and 20 were indicated as being allowable.

Claims 27-31 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. Claims 27 and 30 have been amended in view of the Examiner's comments and on this basis, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 15-32 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Independent claim 19 has been amended to positively recite "a target". Claim 23 has been amended according to the Examiner's suggestion. In view of these amendments, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claim 19 has been amended into independent form by including the subject matter of claim 15 into claim 19. Based on the Examiner's comments, claim 19 should now be allowed and passed to issue. This amendment is not a narrowing amendment since claim 19 originally depended from claim 15.

A number of dependent claims have been amended so that their dependencies relate back to newly formed independent claim 19.

Claims 16-18, 20-24, 27-32 and 40 should be allowed as depending from what should be an allowed independent claim 19.

The prior art rejections are moot in view of the present Amendment.

Claims 1-15, 25, 26 and 33-39 have been canceled without prejudice.

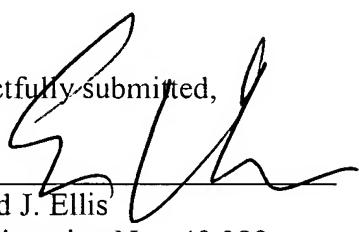
In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,

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